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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
2. Response to Restriction Requirement;
3. Arnold & Porter check no. **9203416** for \$110.00 to cover the one-month extension of time fee; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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